

Coalbed Methane:

Business Development Opportunities in Russia

March 17-19

International Workshop

2003

First Announcement

Kemerovo Regional Administration, Oval Hall, Kemerovo, Russia

On 17-19 March 2003 the International Workshop Coalbed Methane: Business Development Opportunities in Russia will be held in Kemerovo, capital of the largest coal mining region in Russia. This event is devoted to the actual problems of coalbed/coalmine methane recovery and utilization development in the Russian Federation. The following items will be considered on the workshop:

- Investment opportunities for the coalbed/coalmine methane projects development in Russia;
- Institutional and economic considerations for the commercialization of coal mine methane in Russia;
- Geology of coal-gas deposits;
- Technical options for coalbed/coalmine methane recovery and utilization.

The Round Table will follow the overview session where participants will have opportunities to discuss cooperation between western investors, oil, gas and coal companies and Russian counterparts for the commercial development of coalbed/coalmine methane in Russia.

The participants of the workshop will also have the opportunity to visit coalbed methane wellbore drilling sites.

Main Facts about CBM&CMM in Russia

Today's perspectives for the methane recovery and use in Russia are closely focused on the Kuznetsk (Kuzbass) and Pechora coal basins. Overall CBM resources are estimated as 13.1 and 1.9 trillion cubic meters in the Kuznetsk and Pechora Coal Basins, respectively.

Commercial degasification in Pechora coal basin began in 1956. Recovery peaked at 290 million m³ in 1988 with an average degasification of 51%. Recent years are marked with about a 200 mln m³ annual recovery rate.

Degasification as means to reduce gas content in mine workings began in the Kuzbass in 1951. Degasification quantities peaked in 1990, when 48 coal mines recovered 216 million cubic meters of coal mine methane. Since 2000 two Russian companies, Kuzbassgasprom and Promgas JSC began developing coalbed methane in the south part of the Kuzbass.

In the Pechora coal mines the methane fuels 4 boiler houses equipped with 14 steam boilers, generating 150 tons of steam per hour and is used for power generation in 1MW power Caterpillar engine. The same generator is also at the Chertinskaya mine in the Kuzbass.

Proposed Agenda

Monday, March 17

Arrival of participants

14:00 – 18:00 Registration (Kuzbass Hotel)

Tuesday, March 18

08:00 – 09:30 Registration (Kuzbass Hotel)

09:30 – 10:00 Greetings to Delegates

10:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 18:00 Technical tour

19:00 – 21:00 Reception

Wednesday, March 19

09:00 – 13:00 Round Table

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Round Table

19:00 – 21:00 Bus tour round the night Kemerovo

Thursday, March 20

Departure of participants

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